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- 1. An exercise area for communications troops was set up four km east of the village of Farkasgyepu during the summer, 1951 between Farkasgyepu and Faketehajag. There are no permanent buildings in the area and all the troops using it were under canvas. All roads leading to the area were closed by patrols. Three tall antennae were setup.
- 2. Among the troops present during the summer 19537 there were certainly identified a company of instructors from Vác, a communications battalion from Komarom and one from Keszthely. The total number of troops present was 2,800 to 2,850, but other units could not be positively identified.
- 3. No recruits were present, only fully trained communications specialists. Discipline in the camp was severe. As early as 4 am. troops began to leave the camp in trucks with R/3 radios and R/7 radio cars, taking a good deal of cable and field apparatus. Exercises were held with other troops holding training in the neighborhood, and one of the battalions would occasionally leave the camp for five or six days to work with other arms.
- 4. Exercises were also held close to the camp in squad and platoon strength. Emphasis was placed on radio work and on the laying and operation of telephone lines, also on careful camouflage against either air or ground observation. A great deal of use was made of trees.

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